

REMARKS

Claims 23-29 are pending. Minor corrections have been made to Claims 23, 27 and 29 to address the claim objections. A revised Abstract is provided which is a single paragraph. Claims 30-32 which had been rejected are now cancelled without prejudice to their representation in a Divisional Application. No new matter has been added.

Objections

The objections to the specification and to Claims 23, 27 and 29 are moot in view of the amendments above.

Rejections

The various rejections of Claims 30-32 are moot in view of the cancellation of these claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicants thank Examiner Ouspenski for indicating the Claims 23-29 are otherwise in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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